

Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting Monday, February 10, 2014, 6:00 PM Clarendon County Council Chambers

Those in attendance:

County Council Chairman, Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
Vice Chairman, W.J. Frierson, Sr.
Councilman, Billy G. Richardson
Councilman, Benton Blakely
Councilman, AC English
County Administrator, David W. Epperson
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Press in attendance: Bobby Baker, The Manning Times, Sharron Haley, Clarendon Citizen

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Lee & Connie Bledsoe	Cynthia B. Mack
Dennis Kropf	Don Lane	Randy Marshall
Loretta Pollard	Charlotte Johnston	Linda Lemon
Archie Lemon	Mike Briggs,	Tracey McMillion
Ann Broadwater	Melissa Mimms	And other citizens of Clarendon County

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with opening comments. Vice Chairman Frierson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

I. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting which was held on January 13, 2014 with minor corrections.

II. Presentation – Central SC Alliance

Mr. Mike Briggs presented the presentation. He stated that Central SC Alliance has invested \$10,256,049,379 regionally since 1994. He continued by stating that Regional jobs created were 60,584. Mr. Briggs stated that Clarendon County had 13 new expansions since 2004 and created 1,016 jobs. He concluded by stating that we are stronger because Counties like Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Orangeburg, and Richland are working together with the City of Columbia and USC.

Chairman Stewart thanked Central SC Alliance for the information that was presented.

- Ms. Loretta Pollard asked if there were any information on Spirit Pharmaceutical.
- Chairman Stewart responded by stating that Spirit Pharmaceutical is having problems with delayed funding from USDA.

III. Request

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a request to stop maintaining a portion of Evans Road which is located in District 3. He stated that Clarendon County has been maintaining Evans Road for a number of Years, now some of residents that live on Evans Road have requested that the County stop maintaining their portion of the road.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to stop maintaining a portion of Evans Road.

IV. Clarendon County Transportation Committee

Chairman Stewart stated that the Clarendon County Transportation Committee meeting was now in session.

i. Administrator Epperson presented Council with a request to amend a previous approved road-paving project, Peggy Lane. He stated that the Department of Transportation has placed Peggy Lane on another paving project.

ii. Administrator Epperson stated that the Mayor of Summerton, Mayor Jay Burner is requesting to have Johnny Scott Drive resurfaced. He further stated that Johnny Scott Drive is a road that is heavily utilized and is in the center of economic activity within the Town of Summerton. Administrator Epperson concluded by stating that this project would cost \$318,000, which would include piping work.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted unanimous approval to the requests presented by Administrator Epperson.

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a request for approval to reimburse the General Fund the amount of \$3,000 from the C Fund account for the assistance that county employees provided to SCDOT during the last storm.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted unanimous approval for the C Fund account to reimburse the General Fund \$3,000.

Vice Chairman Frierson asked Administrator Epperson to evaluate Commerce Street to see if the County could do something to assist the residents of Commerce Street with the potholes.

Chairman Stewart stated that the Clarendon County Transportation Committee Meeting was now closed.

V. Proclamations

Chairman Stewart stated that Councilman Richardson wants to present a proclamation for two citizens from District One who would be celebrating their 80th birthday on February 15, 2014.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted unanimous approval to the Proclamations presented to County Council.

VI. Ordinance 2013-06

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2013-06, an Ordinance providing for the issuance of a General Obligation Bond not to exceed 3.5 million dollars.

VII. Ordinance 2013-07

Administrator Epperson requested Council's approval to remove Ordinance 2013-07 from the Agenda and amend the Ordinance for its third and final reading at the next Council meeting. He stated that the Investment amount would increase and would qualify for a Fee in Lieu of taxes.

On motion by Councilman Blakely, and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to remove Ordinance 2013-07 from the February 10, 2014 meeting agenda in order to amend Ordinance 2013-07 to include a Fee in Lieu of taxes. He concluded that the Third and final reading of this Ordinance would be held at the March 10, 2014 Council Meeting.

XI. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, Controller, began his report by stating that the General Fund is operating within the budget and has no pressing concerns. He stated that the County spent 56% of the budget appropriation year to date.

Mr. Anthony continued by stating that the Water and Sewer Department had Operating Revenue of \$382,281 and total Operating Expenses of \$263,719 for the month ending January 31, 2014. He further stated that Depreciation and Interest Expenses were a total of \$93,470 leaving a Net Income of \$25,092.

Mr. Anthony stated that the Weldon Auditorium had Revenue of \$60,797 and Operating Expenses of \$167,597. He further stated that after transfers, the Weldon Auditorium ended January 31, 2014 with a surplus of \$8,201.

Mr. Anthony concluded his report by stating that the C Fund Program had an Uncommitted Balance of \$304,462 as of December 31, 2013.

XII. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by giving Council an update on the USDA Water Project - Well, Tank, and the Courthouse Renovation:

- Phase 1B – Waiting on letter
- Phase 1C – Expansion project – being extended down by Union Cypress Church to the first water.
Phase II – Would be extended to 700 to 800 customers, with expectation of about 50% signed up and and getting the Right-of-way for water lines.
- Courthouse Renovation – Shoring work should be finalized very soon.

Administrator Epperson thanked Anthony Mack and Tim Hilliard and their staff for the work that was done to help keep Clarendon County Citizens safe during the last snowstorm and he would continue to keep in contact with the National Weather Service on the predicted Ice Storm.

Administrator Epperson concluded his report by reminding everyone that the March council meeting would be held in Turbeville.

XIII. Chairman's Report

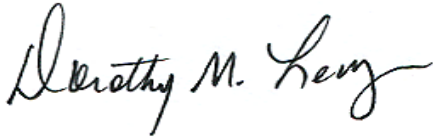
Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he would echo what Administrator Epperson said about the weather. He stated that opening Shelters is not an easy decision and we would continue to monitor the weather conditions. Chairman Stewart concluded his report by reminding County Council to file their Statement of Economic Interest before the deadline.

XV. Adjournment

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the council meeting. The Council Meeting ended at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

